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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

LUNATIC ASYLUM

FOR THE

Borough of Birmingham,

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL IN MAY, 1858,

BEING THEIR

Seventh Annual Report;

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT
AND CHAPLAIN;

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO THE END OF THE
YEAR 1857.

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Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

Committee of Visitors.

FOR THE YEAR 1857.

J. RATCLIFF, Esq., MAYOR.

ALDERMAN STURGE, CHAIRMAN.

ALDERMAN J. W. CUTLER.

ALDERMAN H. MANTON.

COUNCILLOR F. DEE.

COUNCILLOR J. CARTER.

COUNCILLOR C. W. ELKINGTON.

COUNCILLOR G. NORMAN.

COUNCILLOR G. SMITH.

COUNCILLOR S. TONKS.

COUNCILLOR T. PRIME.

Officers.

T. GREEN, M.R.C.S., MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

REV. T. C. ONION, CHAPLAIN.

W. F. KNIGHT, CLERK AND STEWARD.

C. W. HOUGHTON, MATRON.

Lunatic Asylum Committee of Visitors.

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1857,

FOR

PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL AT THE SPECIAL
MEETING, 13TH APRIL, 1858.

IN accordance with the "Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853," your
Committee Report as to the state of the Asylum on the 31st
of December, 1857, and its management through the year.

The number of patients in the Asylum on the 1st of Janu-
ary, 1857, was 294

Admitted in the year 154

Total . 448

Discharged in the year, Recovered . . 55

„ „ Relieved . . 13

„ „ Not improved . . 9

„ „ Escaped . . 1

„ „ Died . . 40

— 118

Leaving in the Asylum December 31st, 1857 . 330

They belonged as follows, viz. :

Birmingham Parish . . . 240

Birmingham Borough Fund . . 15

Aston Union . . . 40

King's Norton Union . . . 7

Outlying Parishes . . . 8

Patients not Paupers . . . 20

Total . 330

The Income for the year, as connected with			
the Patients, is	£7509	11	7
The Expenditure	6932	12	4
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Balance in favour of Asylum	£576	19	3
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The Receipts from the Farm and Garden	£2103	10	9
The Expenditure	1948	3	5
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Balance in favour of Asylum	£155	7	4
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making a Total Balance in favour of £732. 6s. 7d., or $10\frac{3}{4}$ d. per patient per week.

These accounts, with many other interesting details, are fully set forth in appended tables, which will be found to contain much information as to the working of the Asylum.

The charges per week per patient to Parishes within the Borough of Birmingham have, for three-fourths of the year, been 8s.6d., instead of 9s. and 9s.6d. in previous years; this charge includes salaries, provisions, wines, spirits, drugs, necessities (viz., coal, gas, soap, &c.), clothing, per centage on wear and tear of all furniture, &c.—rates, taxes, insurance, &c.

To afford accommodation to the growing increase of lunatics, your Committee have had thirty-eight bedsteads made in the Asylum, and distributed over it; thus giving sleeping accommodation for 356 patients, and do inform the Council, that the Asylum, in its present extent, is not capable of further accommodation.

The alteration in laying out the grounds in the front of the house steadily progresses, and when completed will enhance the value of the land to a great extent. During the past year more than one-half of the kitchen garden has been resoiled: all this work is done by the patients, and affords them good occupation.

The boundary walls this year have been repointed, and a wall by the canal side built; improvements are also going on in the interior, in completing and furnishing the galleries, day and bed-rooms; and the main buildings in every part are in good condition.

The health of the patients throughout the year has been as favourable as heretofore reported, and the Asylum has again been favoured with a freedom from any epidemic disease; no instance of restraint has taken place, and the ~~ex~~^{se}clusions have been very few. The dietary has again been improved by giving Irish stew in place of one of the soup dinners. The dietary on the whole is now very good.

The amusements and recreation of the patients have been carried on throughout the year with great spirit, and the monthly lectures through the summer season were attended by a good number of the patients, and listened to with seeming interest. Your Committee take this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who so kindly gave them their assistance.

The supply of water from the well through the last long drought has somewhat failed (this will be reported on at a future period), and the ventilation, warming, and drainage, continued satisfactory.

The Cash Accounts of the establishment have been audited and found correct; the Visiting by Members of the Committee continues as heretofore, and by their reports on such occasions, the whole of the establishment has been found in due order, the provisions good, and the patients clean and comfortable.

Two of the Commissioners in Lunacy visited the Asylum in August last, saw the whole of the patients, and inspected the galleries, farm, and other parts of the establishment. The following extract is from their Report on the occasion :

“ We have to-day seen all the patients, and inspected their various rooms. The patients, with two or three exceptions, were tranquil during our visit. They are neat and well dressed, particularly the females, and appeared comfortable. The rooms and galleries were clean, well ventilated, and contain many objects of interest. These, with new furniture, new papering, &c., gave a very cheerful aspect to the establishment. The bedding, some of which we minutely inspected, was very clean, and the sinks and water-closets free from any unpleasant smell.

Upon the whole, we consider the Asylum to be in a very creditable condition, and that much of this is owing to the care and attention of the resident officers.”

No change in the superior officers has taken place through the year, and but few amongst the attendants and servants.

The Rev. T. C. Onion having obtained the Chaplaincy of the Lancaster Lunatic Asylum, resigns his office on the 1st of March next; his successor will be reported on a future occasion.

C. STURGE,
CHAIRMAN.

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

SALARIES FOR THE YEAR, 1857.

	£.	s.	d.
*Medical Superintendent	350	0	0
Chaplain	100	0	0
†Matron	60	0	0
†Clerk of Asylum, of Visitors, and Steward .	160	0	0
†Assistant Clerk	30	0	0
*Engineer	78	0	0
Stoker	54	12	0
Carpenters and Wheelwright	104	10	11
*Farm Bailiff and Dairy Women	78	0	0
*Gardener and Lodge Keeper	72	10	0
†Baker and Brewer	30	0	0
†Laundress and under ditto	33	10	0
†Cook and Kitchen Maid	29	0	0
†House Maids	18	0	0
†7 Male Attendants	176	9	3
†1 Ditto Night Attendant	25	0	0
†9 Female Attendants	156	12	3
†1 Ditto Night Attendant	17	10	0
Farm and Garden Labourers	122	7	1
	£1696	1	6

Marked thus * have Apartments, Fuel, and Gas.

Marked thus † have Maintenance, Apartments, &c.

MALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 Pint of Coffee, 6 oz. Bread, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter.

DINNER.

- Sunday* . { 10 oz. Meat (undressed), free from Bone (roasted).
16 oz. Vegetables.
3 oz. Bread, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Beer.
- Monday* { Meat and Potatoe Pie—Crust 12 oz., Meat $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
and { $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer; or 16 oz. Suet Pudding, with
Thursday. { Rasins and Sweet Dip, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Tuesday* { 9 oz. Meat (undressed), free from Bone (boiled).
and { 16 oz. Vegetables.
Friday. { 3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Wednesday.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Irish Stew, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Saturday.* { $1\frac{1}{2}$ Pint Pea Soup, and 6 oz. Bread; or 16 oz. of
Rice or other Pudding, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer; extra
diet on Soup days, of Meat and Vegetables.

TEA.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Butter.

Extra Diet, as per Medical Order.

TO WORKING PATIENTS.

At 11 o'Clock, 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
At 4 o'Clock, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, from Lady-day to Michaelmas Day.

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FEMALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. Bread, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter.

DINNER.

- Sunday* . { 9 oz. Meat (undressed), free from bone (roasted).
12 oz. Vegetables.
3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Monday* { Meat and Potatoe Pie—Crust 9 oz., Meat 2 oz., and
and { $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer; or 12 oz. of Suet Pudding, with
Thursday. { Rasins and Sweet Dip, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Tuesday* { 8 oz. Meat (undressed), free from Bone (boiled).
and { 16 oz. Vegetables.
Friday. { 3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Wednesday.* 1 lb Irish Stew, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Saturday.* { 1 pint Pea Soup, and 6 oz. of Bread, or 12 oz. of
Rice or other Pudding, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer; extra
diet on Soup Days, of Meat and Vegetables.

TEA.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter.

Extra Diet, as per Medical Order.

LAUNDRY WORKERS, AND HOUSE CLEANERS.

At 11 o'Clock, 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.

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MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR, 1857.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Males	134	133	134	132	134	142	150	153	150	144	153	157	143
Females	162	164	164	166	167	167	172	173	173	175	174	174	169
Total	296	297	298	298	301	309	322	326	323	319	327	331	312

Greatest number of Patients in the Asylum in the Year, 333.

Lowest number of Patients in the Asylum in the Year, 292.

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MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED FOR THE YEAR, 1857.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Males	63	64	69	65	67	73	72	72	75	78	77	71	70
Females	127	126	122	125	125	126	129	131	130	131	131	132	128
Total	190	190	191	190	192	199	201	203	205	209	208	203	198

Number of times Patients have been visited in the Year, 4265.

Number of Friends to visit Patients in the Year, 6474.

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ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, &c., MADE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS, IN THE YEAR, 1857.

Aprons	251
Bath Towels	49
Blankets	56
Blinds for Windows	19
Chemises	155
Chamber Towels	45
Chair Cushions	36
Dresses	190
Day Caps	278
Frocks for Men	27
Hose (pairs)	142
Ditto Re-footed (pairs)	138
Mattress Cases	43
Night Jackets	13
Neckerchiefs	72
Pillow Cases	372
Petticoats	95
Pocket Neckerchiefs	216
Pillow Ticks	48
Sheets	367
Shrouds	18
Shirts	208
Table Covers	10
Table Cloths	11
Flannel Vests	55
Vallances for Windows	68
Counterpanes	39
Pairs of Drawers	7
Hurden Aprons	154
Patch Quilt	1
Round Towels	22
Knife Cloths	26
Cocoa Mats	18
Carpets	26
Pudding Cloths	12
Piano-Forte Covers	2
Mats for Flower Pots	48

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AN ACCOUNT OF PROVISIONS, &c., DELIVERED OUT OF STORE DURING THE YEAR, 1857.

PROVISIONS, &c.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	TOTAL.
Meat ..	3703	3458	3965	3546	3860	3552	3666	4183	3409	3906	3823	4278	453,49 lbs.
Flour ..	930	800	200	800	400	800	800	800	400	400	800	500	7630 stones
Bread ..	11,346	9374	10,068	10,298	10,250	9898	10,634	10,014	10,860	11,106	10,190	11,432	125,470 lbs.
Potatoes ..	85	80	79	83	71	82	56	40	41	75	73	58	823 bushels
Vegetables ..	£4/14/1	£3/16/10	£4/1/3	£5/2/11	£11/8/3	£7/15/10	£14/6/8	£22/19/10	£11/6/9	£10/8/6	£5/0/3	£6/9/8	£107/10/10
Cheese ..	266	122	245	247	255	253	280	271	290	312	293	297	3131 lbs.
Butter ..	545	498	604	447	495	599	537	662	540	586	733	534	6780 lbs.
Eggs ..	91	264	299	199	278	299	290	276	151	160	158	154	2619
Fish ..	—	£1/3/6	£1/10/6	£1/8/3	£1/5/3	£1/8/1	—	—	2/-	—	10/9	—	£7/8/4
Poultry and Game ..	5/8	2/6	5/2	—	3/-	£1/7/-	£1	£1/1/6	£2/8/-	£2/13/-	9/-	15/6	£10/10/4
Malt ..	78	30	75	30	45	45	74	40	74	66	56	45	658 bushels
Hops ..	82	36	81	45	65	56	79	44	79	72	60	51	750 lbs.
Beer Brewed ..	1510	580	1000	900	900	900	1270	630	1170	760	920	825	11,365 gallons
Ale "	390	—	255	—	—	—	100	60	90	240	60	—	1195 gallons
Porter ..	—	72	—	—	72	—	—	72	72	—	—	72	360 pints
Wine ..	3	—	1	—	7	2	3	—	4	1	2	8	31 bottles
Spirits ..	4	—	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	2	1	6	19 bottles
Milk ..	288	217	244	247	215	186	211	256	283	259	204	207	2817 gallons
Tea ..	77	62	70	61	67	58	62	65	64	66	68	64	784 lbs.
Coffee ..	45	74	80	74	75	81	82	81	89	76	80	82	919 lbs.
Raw Sugar ..	447	403	449	426	449	464	524	481	427	427	473	529	5499 lbs.
Lump "	8	6	7	9	8	9	7	6	6	5	9	8	88 lbs.
Rice ..	30	40	48	40	20	10	20	30	20	30	24	10	322 lbs.
Oatmeal ..	—	—	—	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28 lbs.
Arrowroot ..	12	16	20	10	14	8	8	11	8	16	8	8	139 lbs.
Split Peas ..	197	156	176	198	198	154	170	176	198	198	176	88	2085 lbs.
Currants ..	—	5	4	9	2	1	2	2	1	2	13	35	76 lbs.
Raisins ..	22	30	50	28	50	54	56	65	104	71	76	101	707 lbs.

Fruit	£1/18/6	6d.	—	—	—	6/-	9/6	18/-	£3/18/6	9/10	12/2	2/-	£3/2/4	£11/17/4
Spices.....	—	—	—	1/4	—	—	3/10	1/1	8	—	3/4	—	—	10/3
Mustard	6	4	6	3	4	4	7	5	5	7	5	4	6	62 lbs.
Pepper	4	8	6	8	10	6	6	4	8	15	8	11	11	99 lbs.
Salt.....	5	2	2	4	2	2	6	4	12	6	10	5	13	71 cwt.
Vinegar	—	—	2	—	2	2	2	8	4	2	2	—	—	22 gallons
Sago	4	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6 lbs.
Chicory	34	49	53	52	50	52	52	52	45	49	38	51	61	586 lbs.
Treacle	—	20	44	28	28	28	28	105	127	56	56	56	10	558 lbs.
Drugs	£3/15/3	£4/11/10	£1/18/4	£4/15/4	£3/11/10	£2/16/2	£2/5/7	£3/3/2	£4/16/7	£5/5/6	£2/13/3	£7/2/7	£46/15/5	£46/15/5
Tobacco.....	9	9	12	10	10	14	11	12	12	14	13	15	14	143 lbs.
Snuff	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 lbs.
Books, Printing, Post- age, and Stationery }	£5/15/2	£4/3/11	£13/8/6	£5/17/5	£2/3/1	£2/8/2	£3/12/11	£15/1/9	£1/14/7	£3/2/9	£2/19/3	£6/10/1	£66/17/7	£66/17/7
Soap	385	331	363	361	410	399	424	359	404	404	408	387	300	4531 lbs.
White Soap	4	5	3	2	5	3	6	5	—	—	4	5	3	45 lbs.
Soda	252	275	226	185	240	223	222	206	227	227	228	211	248	2743 lbs.
Blue	4	2	2	4	4	2	4	2	2	4	6	3	5	42 lbs.
Starch	9	8	8	12	12	9	11	9	9	8	11	8	12	117 lbs.
Dip Candles	22	21	21	12	11	13	13	13	11	13	14	26	22	119 lbs.
Coal	80	72	72	72	90	72	72	72	90	72	90	72	85	939 tons
Firewood ...	12/6	9/6	£1/0/6	£2/-	£2/10/-	£2/10/	£3/10/-	£3	£3	£3	£2	£1	—	£21/12/6
Gas	132,733	132,733	132,734	40,133	40,133	40,134	2533	2533	2534	2534	120,233	120,233	120,234	886,900 feet
Matches.....	62	61	63	48	44	48	30	49	58	58	60	83	63	669 boxes
Blacking	54	54	63	86	62	82	58	77	80	80	69	84	74	843 cakes
Black Lead	7	7	—	7	7	—	7	7	—	—	5	—	4	51 lbs.
Bath Bricks	7	9	15	12	13	13	10	11	17	17	11	17	9	144
Brushes.....	£1/17/3	£2/3/6	£2/19/1	£1/17/9	£1/18/8	£2/10/4	£1/11/4	£2/5/8	£2/0/8	£2/2/-	£2/3/6	£2/2/-	£1/8/9	£24/18/6
Scouring Flannel	£2/11/6	£2/8/6	£3/12/9	£2/8/6	£3/12/9	£2/8/6	£2/6/3	£1/10/10	£2/6/3	£2/18/6	£2/18/6	£4/2/6	£2/18/6	£33/5/4
Combs & Hair Brushes	12/5	1/1	2/3	2/5	2/1	3/2	1/10	3/2	—	—	1/-	4/2	8d.	£1/14/3
Beeswax	3	5	3	4	3	6	5	4	—	—	4	—	2	39 lbs.
Sundries	£1/1/6	8/4	£1/10/7	17/3	£2/-	9/3	17/3	£4/5/9	13/11	13/11	19/9	3/6	£1/9/-	£14/16/1

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING DELIVERED OUT OF
STORE IN 1857.

MALES.			FEMALES.		
Blue Cloth Jackets	.	42	Aprons	.	168
Blue Cloth Coats	.	32	Print and Merino Dresses		209
Cloth Vests	.	61	Bonnets	.	91
Cloth Trowsers	.	71	Boots and Shoes (pairs)		175
Cord Trowsers	.	39	Day and Night Caps		246
Caps and Hats	.	81	Flannel Vests	.	8
Boots and Shoes (pairs)		150	Stockings (pairs)	.	153
Flannel Vests	.	16	Bed Gowns	.	47
Stockings (pairs)	.	86	Stays (pairs)	.	42
Stocks, Neckerchiefs, and Scarfs	}	250	Shawls and Neck Ties	.	21
Shirts	.	195	Jean Petticoats	.	17
Braces (pairs)	.	76	Flannel Petticoats	.	55
Garters (pairs)	.	22	Chemises	.	167
Aprons	.	40	Neck and Pocket Kerchiefs		105
Summer Frocks	.	22	Shrouds	.	8
Gloves (pairs)	.	3			
Shrouds	.	12			

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

DRAPERY FURNITURE DELIVERED OUT OF STORE IN THE YEAR 1857.

Blankets	166
Counterpanes	50
Air Cushions	2
Carpets (Yards)	123
Bed Sackings	13
Toilet Covers	4
Valances	28
Moreen (Yards)	48
Cocoa Matting (Yards)	61
Ironing Blankets	2
Huckaback Towels	19
Waterproof Sheets	24
Round Towels	30
Bathing Towels	56
Tea Cloths	32
Table Cloths	11
Table Covers	9
Cheese Cloths	10
Scouring Flannel (Pieces)	33
Pillow Cases	240
Linen Sheets	351
Palliasses	24
Horsehair Mattresses	36
Horsehair Bolsters	36
Feather Pillows	12
Feather Beds	1
Door Mats	22
Box Covers	4

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FO

Income.

HEADS OF INCOME.	March 31.	June 30.	September 30.	December 31.	TOTAL.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s.
To Maintenance, &c., for Patients from Parishes and Unions, received and due	1572 3 4	1639 11 3	1685 11 2	1734 15 7	6632 1
To Maintenance, &c., of Private Patients	215 15 9	194 3 3	194 11 10	164 7 6	768 18
To Sundries Sold from the House	13 8 4	19 0 8	15 10 3	33 1 2	81 0
To Repayments for Fu- neral Expenses and Certifying Patients ..	8 17 6	7 0 0	4 12 0	6 2 0	26 11
Total	1810 4 11	1859 15 2	1900 5 3	1938 6 3	7509 11

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ENDING DECEMBER 31.

Expenditure.

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE.	March 31.			June 30.			September 30.			December 31.			TOTAL.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Meat (viz. Mutton, Beef, } Pork, and Veal)..... }	278	13	6	274	17	11	283	8	1	300	3	6	1137	3	0
Four	212	5	9	216	10	0	215	6	8	168	2	6	812	4	11
Tea, Coffee, and Chicory ..	45	1	6	42	11	8	45	6	0	44	19	11	177	19	1
Butter and Cheese	104	9	2	98	2	2	109	14	1	116	19	5	429	4	10
Tobacco	29	16	0	33	14	0	36	4	7	32	9	0	132	3	7
Beer, Ale, and Porter—i.e. } Malt and Hops	95	1	3	63	12	9	93	9	3	83	0	8	335	3	11
Wines and Spirits	1	11	4	1	13	10	1	13	6	3	3	11	8	2	7
Fish, Poultry, and Game ..	3	7	4	5	11	7	4	11	6	4	8	3	17	18	8
Potatoes & other Vegetables	73	12	2	79	5	6	76	12	0	66	10	11	296	0	7
Wheatmeal and Split Peas ..	3	11	1	4	0	0	3	12	1	3	1	3	14	4	5
Cassia, Yarrowroot, Rice, and Sago	3	12	2	2	4	8	2	2	0	2	2	8	10	1	6
Raisins, Raisins, and Fruit	4	15	10	4	5	7	11	9	1	11	0	8	31	11	2
Milk and Eggs	27	13	10	24	16	8	27	19	9	24	6	0	104	16	3
Vinegar, Salt, Mustard, } and Pepper	2	3	7	2	14	10	4	4	5	3	15	2	12	18	0
Honey and Treacle	0	16	0	1	5	2	3	3	6	1	9	7	6	14	3
Tobacco and Snuff	5	11	11	6	6	2	6	12	8	7	5	4	25	16	1
Drugs	10	5	5	11	3	4	10	5	4	15	1	4	46	15	5
<i>House and other Expenses.</i>															
Coal	78	8	0	81	18	0	85	19	0	92	12	6	338	17	6
Gas	56	14	10	17	3	2	10	16	7	51	7	10	136	2	5
Firewood and Matches	5	18	8	5	16	2	5	15	9	6	0	7	23	11	2
Candles and Lamp Oil	2	1	9	1	5	0	1	6	2	2	3	9	6	16	8
Soda, Soda, Starch, and Blue	19	12	9	21	6	11	22	8	8	20	13	5	84	1	9
Washes & Scouring Flannel	15	12	7	14	16	6	12	1	0	15	13	9	58	3	10
Blacking, Black Lead, and } Bath Bricks	0	11	0	0	13	11	0	13	3	0	12	8	2	10	10
Hair Brushes and Combs ..	0	15	9	0	7	8	0	5	0	0	5	10	1	14	3
Combs, Books, Station- } ery, and Printing	23	7	7	10	8	8	20	9	3	12	12	1	66	17	7
Salaries and Wages	366	11	6	365	13	7	372	0	8	372	2	0	1476	7	9
Patients' Clothing	93	12	0	86	19	10	106	9	4	111	5	3	398	6	5
Medicating Patients, &c. ..	0	7	6	3	4	6	0	19	9	1	14	6	6	6	3
Advances for Private Patients	6	19	6	4	9	7	4	4	5	8	3	4	23	16	10
Repair and Tear of Furni- } ture, &c.	161	13	2	161	12	8	161	8	8	161	8	3	646	2	9
General Expenses	7	7	6	4	19	0	5	9	0	4	4	6	22	0	0
Losses and Insurance	5	11	6	5	11	6	7	9	0	8	10	0	27	2	0
Undries	3	0	5	3	6	6	5	16	11	2	12	3	14	16	1
Balance	59	11	1	197	6	2	140	18	4	178	3	8	576	19	3
Total	1810	4	11	1859	15	2	1900	5	3	1938	6	3	7509	11	7

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, &c., FOR THE YEAR 1857.

Parishes, Unions, and Private Patients.	In the Asylum, 1st January 1857.	Admitted since.	Total.	Discharged since.	Transferred from.	Transferred to.	Died.	Total discharged and died.	Remaining in the Asylum, December 31, 1857.
Birmingham Parish .	207	108	315	38	5	...	32	75	240
Birmingham Borough .	15	4	19	3	...	...	1	4	15
Aston Union .	32	15	48	5	...	1	3	8	40
King's Norton Union .	3	3	7	...	...	1	...	...	7
Boston Union .	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bridgnorth Union .	3	1	4	1	...	...	...	1	3
Cheltenham Union .	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...
Epping Union .	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...
Daventry Union .	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...
Kidderminster Union .	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...
Madeley Union—Salop .	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1
Strand Union .	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Temple Parish, Bristol .	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tamworth Union .	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1
Worcester Union .	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...
Private Patients .	27	22	49	26	...	...	3	29	20
Total .	294	153	452	77	5	5	40	122	330

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

INCOME FROM PARISHES, UNIONS, &c., FOR EACH QUARTER AND THE YEAR 1857.

Parishes, Unions, &c.	March 31.			June 30.			September 30.			December 31.			For the Year.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Birmingham Parish	1210	5	11	1277	3	0	1292	17	5	1334	6	4	5115	12	8
Birmingham Borough	90	19	4	89	7	10	86	8	0	89	4	4	355	19	6
Aston Union	199	9	7	212	6	2	229	2	1	220	9	1	861	6	11
King's Norton Union	18	12	11	21	0	9	31	2	0	37	19	2	108	14	10
Boston Union	7	1	5	7	3	0	7	4	7	7	4	7	28	13	7
Bridgnorth Union	21	1	2	14	6	0	15	0	2	21	13	9	72	1	1
Cheltenham Union	7	1	5	7	3	0	1	11	5	...	...	...	15	15	10
Epping Union	3	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	9
Daventry Union	1	14	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	1
Kidderminster Union . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	9	2	18	2	8	1	11
Madeley Union—Salop . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	5	5	8	5
Strand Union	7	1	5	7	3	0	7	4	7	7	4	7	28	13	7
Temple Parish, Bristol	7	1	5	7	3	0	7	4	7	7	4	7	28	13	7
Tamworth Union . . . . .	...	...	...	1	8	4	7	4	7	7	4	7	15	17	6
Worcester Union	7	1	5	2	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	8	7
Private Patients	215	15	9	194	3	3	194	11	10	164	7	6	768	18	4
Sundries sold from the house	13	8	4	19	0	8	15	10	3	33	1	2	81	0	5
Total	1810	4	11	1859	15	2	1900	5	3	1938	6	3	7509	11	7

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS, WITH THE WEEKLY COST FOR EACH QUARTER, THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR 1857, AND THE AVERAGE COST PER WEEK FOR THE SAME.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending March 31st	297
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period	8s. 11d.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending June 30th	303
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period	8s. 5d.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending September 30th	324
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period	8s. 4d.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending December 31st	326
Weekly Cost per Patient for the same period	8s. 3½d.

Daily average Number of Patients for the Year	312
Average Weekly Cost per Patient for the Year	8s. 5¼d.

SUMMARY OF THE COST PER PATIENT PER WEEK FOR THE YEAR 1857.

Provisions, Drugs, Wine, &c., per Patient	3	11
Provisions for Officers, Attendants, and Servants	0	6¼
House and other expenses, with wear and tear of Furniture, &c.	1	8¾
Patients' Clothing, with repairs of the same	0	5¾
Salaries and Wages	1	10
TOTAL		8 5¾
Less for Produce, Goods sold, &c.	0	3½
		8 2¼

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

GARDEN ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1857.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To Vegetables supplied to House . .	106	15	5	By Stock as per valuation, Dec. 31, 1856	32	15	0
" Ditto Refuse ditto Farm . .	2	10	0	" Manure from Farm . .	5	0	0
" Stock on the Grounds, as per valuation	39	17	6	" Ditto purchased . .	19	4	10
				" Garden Seeds and Roots . .	5	7	1
				" Repairing Mowing Machine . .	1	1	0
				" Gardener's Knife . .	0	3	6
				" 3 Spades and Shovels . .	0	11	6
				" Rent of Land, as before . .	9	8	1
				" Pea Sticks . .	0	12	10
				" 52 Weeks' Wages to Gardeners @ 22/9	59	3	0
				" Profit . .	15	16	1
					£149	2	11

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH

FARM ACCOUNT FOR THE

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.
To 29 Fat Beasts killed, 21,495 lbs. Beef, @ 6d.....	537	7	6
„ 91 Sheep „ 7,449 lbs. Mutton, 6d.....	186	4	6
„ 56 Pigs „ 11,289 lbs. Pork, 6d.....	282	4	6
„ 5 Calves „ 590 lbs. Veal, 6d.....	14	15	0
„ 1 ditto sold	1	0	0
„ Refuse Fat ditto.....	51	7	10
„ Hides and Skins ditto	61	18	10
„ 1,977 $\frac{1}{4}$ gallons of New Milk ditto to Prison	98	17	3
„ Sundry Roots sold	5	7	0
„ 1 Yelt ditto	6	6	0
„ Use of Hog.....	0	17	6
„ Trespass	0	5	0
„ Poultry supplied to the House	10	7	0
„ 524 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Fresh Butter	@ 1s.	26	4 9
„ 2,817 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons of Milk	8d.	93	18 4
„ 2,458 New-laid Eggs	1d.	10	4 10
„ 349 Bushels of Potatoes	3s. 6d.	61	1 6
„ 330 ditto Fluke ditto	5s.	82	10 0
„ 242 ditto Pig ditto	9d.	9	1 6
„ Crop of Hay		20	0 0
„ 29 tons of Swede Turnips.....	@ 20s.	29	0 0
„ 24 tons of Mangold Wurzel.....	20s.	24	0 0
„ Bailiff, Milk, Butter, &c.		7	16 0
„ Manure from Farm Yard		20	0 0
„ Live Stock as per valuation		268	10 0
„ Provender, &c.		45	3 0

£1,954 7 10

LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1857.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER.

Expenditure.

	£.	s.	d.
By Live Stock, &c., as per Valuation, Dec. 31, 1856	310	11	3
„ 30 Fat Beasts, 1 Milking Cow, and 3 Calves	562	6	8
„ 91 Fat Sheep	204	7	8
„ 20 Pigs	48	14	6
„ Difference in exchange of Cow.....	2	0	0
„ 167½ cwt. Sharps	68	8	6
„ 19 bushels Oats	4	11	0
„ 12 cwt. Bran	3	11	6
„ 18⅛ qrs. Barley	35	9	6
„ 9 bags Beans	9	0	0
„ 3 ditto Peas	3	6	6
„ 4 ditto Poultry Corn	1	13	6
„ 12 cwt. Linseed Cake	7	5	0
„ 6 ditto Bean Meal	3	5	0
„ 118 ditto Hay.....	23	12	8
„ 94½ ditto Straw	12	8	6
„ 29 tons Swede Turnips	29	0	0
„ 24 ditto Mangold Wurzel	24	0	0
„ Pig-wash from Prison and Asylum	20	0	0
„ Ditto from Workhouse, to Lady-day, 1858.....	8	0	0
„ 2,156 bushels Grains, purchased	36	14	16
„ 520 ditto ditto, from House	10	6	3
„ 49 ditto Fluke Potatoes, being a deficiency of last year's produce	12	5	0
„ 34 bags Seed Potatoes	26	11	3
„ Cotterill—Rent of Land	25	0	0
„ 242 bushels Potatoes	9	1	6
„ Manure purchased	13	2	2
„ Taxes	3	16	10
„ Wheelwright—Repairing Implements.....	7	10	9
„ Extra Farm Labour	18	7	1
„ Ploughing Land.....	3	15	0
„ Wurzel Seed	0	4	6
„ Saddler—Repairing Harness, &c.	0	10	4
„ 12 Iron Troughs	3	9	3
„ Wash Carriage	4	16	0
„ Dock Iron	0	3	6
„ 54 tons 1 cwt. of Coal	19	10	11
„ Refuse Vegetables from Garden	2	10	0
„ Horse Shoeing and Sundries	9	8	0
„ 52 Weeks' Wages to Bailiff and Wife@ 30s.	78	0	0
„ 52 ditto ditto each to 2 Farm Labourers 20s.	104	0	0
„ Per Centage on Farm Implements	19	0	4
„ Ditto ditto of Repairs	5	1	4
„ Profit	159	11	3
	£1,954 7 10		

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 1857.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Tradesmen's Accounts . . .	1047	12 8	By Parishes and Unions . . .	3047	11 8
" Borough Treasurer . . .	5322	11 5	" Sundry Persons . . .	34	13 3
" Balance . . .	1437	17 5	" Drapery Furniture, with 10 per cent. off	1416	9 1
			" Cabinet ditto ditto	1112	8 3
			" Ironmongery ditto	470	5 6
			" Earthenware and Glass ditto	134	15 6
			" Farm and Garden Implements ditto	171	2 9
			" Library and Books for Chapel ditto	18	12 4
			" Drapery and Clothing Stock . . .	651	1 1
			" Provisions, Coal, and other Stores	254	7 1
			" Live Stock at Farm . . .	268	10 0
			" Stock on Farm and Garden Land	83	0 6
			" Engineer's Stock . . .	12	8 6
			" Carpenter's Stock . . .	77	5 3
			" Cash in Hand . . .	55	10 9
	£7808	1 6		£7808	1 6

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT has again the satisfaction to report the enjoyment of good general health throughout the year. There has been no epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, except three slight cases of facial erysipelas in the early part of December, and one in the month of May; neither has there been any serious accident or sudden death.

During the year 154 patients have been admitted, of whom 98 were males and 56 females, which, together with the 294 left at the end of the previous year, make a total of 448 who have been under treatment; of which number 57 have been discharged recovered, and 40 have died: 24 were re-admissions, 8 of that number having relapsed within the year: 22 were private patients, all males except one. The admissions exceed those of the previous year by 28, which increase would have been larger had it not been found necessary, for want of room, nearly to discontinue receiving private patients. The average daily number of patients has been 312. During the latter half of the year it was 325, whilst in the former half it was only 299. The highest number at any one time was 333—the lowest 293.

Table III, which is now introduced for the first time, is an instructive one. It shews that after the lapse of a period of somewhere about two years, the insane condition has not much tendency to change. Thus, of 232 patients admitted into the

Asylum from 1850 to 1855, both inclusive, and remaining on the first of January, 1857, only 20 have since been disposed of, leaving 212 of that number still in the house. Both the recoveries and the deaths occur chiefly from the recent cases : 35 of the recoveries and 20 of the deaths resulted from cases admitted during the year.

Table V does not present a very favourable view of the admissions in 1857, as regards their prospects of recovery : eighteen epileptics and 24 paralytics—together 42 hopeless cases—make a large hole in the 154 admitted ; and besides these complications, there were others of nearly or quite as grave a character.

Among the causes of insanity intemperance, as usual, takes the most prominent place, though it may be that in some few of these instances, it is not justly so chargeable. It is no uncommon thing for a person habitually temperate, under the influence of some mental disturbance which may have escaped the notice of his friends, suddenly to take to drinking ; and this being soon followed by an outbreak of insanity, in some form which cannot be overlooked or mistaken, the drinking is at once set down as the cause, though, in truth, it was but the first overt act of the malady ; hastening the catastrophe, perhaps, but not its exciting cause. On the other hand, some cases are due to intemperance, either wholly or in part, when some other cause, or no cause, has been assigned. Where the habit of intemperance has been of long continuance some organic change in the delicate structure of the brain, or its membranes, is generally the consequence, whereby the prospect of recovery is very much diminished. To this cause 28 cases are attributed, being a fourth of all the causes ascertained. Twenty-four cases were due to epilepsy, or other cerebral disease, and in 29 no cause whatever was assigned or could be ascertained. Twenty-eight had relatives insane.

The mortality of the year has been larger than that of the two preceding years, but not equal to that of 1853 and 1854. And having regard to the greater number of patients under treatment

in 1857, it is below the average of the previous six years. By a glance at the Obituary Table it will be seen that the deaths arose mainly from paralysis, and other cerebral affections, the too frequent sequence of the insane condition, and none from any cause that could be traced to local influence. It will further be observed, that three-fourths of these patients were in bad health—many labouring under obvious mortal disease—at the time of their admission. Three died soon after they came, severally at the end of 71, 69, and 58 hours. Three were above 70 years of age, and four others above 60.

Among the admissions of last year were 37 patients reported to be suicidal, many of whom, before they came, had made serious attempts at self-destruction. Only two patients have made such attempts at the Asylum. Both were females. One thought to succeed by strangulation, and also by knocking her head violently against the wall; the other by throwing herself down an area, a depth of about ten feet. A few severe bruises was in both cases the only result.

Nine patients escaped during the year, but all were retaken after short absences, except one, a private patient, who, having concealed himself for a fortnight, to secure his liberation, then voluntarily came up to the Asylum to shew himself in order to remove any apprehension which might be felt as to his safety.

The change lately made in the dietary, by the substitution of Irish stew one day in the week for soup, is highly appreciated by the patients, and has proved in every way to be a satisfactory alteration.

In the treatment of insanity there is no single point of more importance to its successful issue, than such an occupation for the patient as will tend to put his thoughts into new channels, and thus prevent his mind from dwelling exclusively, as it is too apt to do, upon its own morbid ideas. For the attainment of this end different means are in pretty constant operation. Besides the various regular employments specified in Table XI, the patients are encouraged to engage themselves in different games, both within doors and without, and to make frequent

walking excursions into the country. Occasionally they are permitted to attend some place of public amusement; in the summer three separate parties went to the Music Hall; twice, by the kind permission of Mr. Tonks, to musical performances; and the third time Professor Anderson liberally allowed between 60 and 70 to witness his feats of legerdemain. Again, in the summer months, the patients were indebted to many gentlemen for their kindness in giving interesting and instructive readings and lectures upon various popular subjects: and the weekly winter parties for the enjoyment of music and dancing continue to be a leading feature, and certainly a beneficial one, in the management of the institution. Usually about one-half the patients attend these meetings, but on Christmas Eve (an extra day) 210 were present. They are all pleased with the entertainments. Even those who sit still all the evening, and appear to take no interest in what is going on, are so, as is evidenced in their anxiety to be present, and by their often thanking the Superintendent the next day for their enjoyment the previous evening.

THOMAS GREEN,

Medical Superintendent.

January 22, 1858.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

SUMMARY OF ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1857.

	Private.		Pauper.		M.	F.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.
Patients in the House Jan. 1, 1857	19	8	114	153	133	161	294
Admitted during that year	21	1	77	55	98	56	154
	40	9	191	208	231	217	448

	Private.		Pauper.		M.	F.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.
Discharged Recovered . .	10	2	19	26	75	43	118
„ Improved . .	7		3				
„ Unimproved . .	6		1	3			
„ By Escape . .	1						
„ By Death . .	3		25	12			

	Private.		Pauper.		M.	F.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.
Remaining on the 1st of Jan. 1858	13	7	143	167	156	174	330

Average daily number, 143 Males, 169 Females—Total, 312.

TABLE III.

Shewing how the Patients remaining on the 1st of January, 1857, from each Year's Admissions, have been disposed of during that Year.

Number of Patients remaining from the Admissions of.	Cured.	Improved	Unimproved.	Died.	Still remain.
1850—92	1	...	...	4	87
1851—34	...	...	...	2	32
1852—24	...	...	1	...	23
1853—23	1	1	...	2	19
1854—27	...	...	1	1	25
1855—32	2	1	...	3	26
1856—62	18	3	3	8	30
294	22	5	5	20	242

TABLE IV.

STATE OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM ON THE
31st OF DECEMBER.

		M.	F.	TOTAL
As to probability of Recovery	Curable	26	43	69
	Incurable	130	131	261
				— 330
Social State	Married	57	64	121
	Single	86	87	173
	Widowed	13	23	36
				— 330
Epileptics		37	26	63
Paralytics		16	9	25
Congenital Imbeciles		12	7	19
Criminal Lunatics		4	7	11

TABLE V.

FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 154 CASES
ADMITTED IN 1857.

	M.	F.	TOTAL
Mania	43	28	71
Ditto with Paralysis	12	2	14
Ditto with Epilepsy	9	2	11
Melancholia	18	22	40
Ditto with Epilepsy	3	0	3
Ditto with Paralysis	4	1	5
Dementia	1	0	1
Ditto with Paralysis	5	0	5
Ditto with Epilepsy	3	1	4
	—	—	—
	98	56	154

TABLE VI.

DURATION OF DISORDER AT THE TIME OF
ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	TOTAL
Not exceeding One Month	27	25	52
„ „ Three Months	23	10	33
„ „ Six „	11	8	19
„ „ Twelve „	14	4	18
„ „ Two Years	8	2	10
Above Two Years	15	7	22
	—	—	—
	98	56	154
Cases of more than One Attack	15	8	23

TABLE VII.

AGES OF THE 154 PATIENTS ON ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	TOTAL
From 15 to 20	8	6	14
„ 20 „ 30	9	11	20
„ 30 „ 40	36	23	59
„ 40 „ 50	26	9	35
„ 50 „ 60	10	4	14
„ 60 „ 70	5	2	7
„ 70 „ 80	4	0	4
„ Above 80	0	1	1
	—	—	—
	98	56	154

TABLE VIII.

CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

		M.	F.	TOTAL
Social State	{ Married	63	23	86
	{ Single	27	25	52
	{ Widowed	8	8	16
				— 154
Of Fair Education		5	0	5
Able to Read and Write		74	35	109
Able to Read only		9	12	21
Uneducated		10	9	19
				— 154
Established Church		68	36	104
Roman Catholic		10	6	16
Protestant Dissenters		19	13	32
Jewish		1	1	2
				— 154

TABLE IX.

SUPPOSED CAUSES OF DISORDER.

	M.	F.	TOTAL
Privation	2	4	6
Epilepsy	13	2	15
Disease of Brain	2	1	3
Injury to Head	6	0	6
Dissipation—Intemperance	21	7	28
Old Age	3	1	4
Ill Health	2	0	2
Loss of Leg	0	1	1
Fever	0	1	1
Puerperal	0	6	6
Troubles—Family and Pecuniary	14	4	18
Religious Anxiety	3	0	3
Over Study	1	0	1
Death of Friends or Relatives	5	3	8
Love Disappointment	1	5	6
Fright	1	1	2
Husband's Ill-usage	0	2	2
Jealousy	0	1	1
Son's Insanity	1	1	2
Unassigned	23	16	39
	—	—	—
	98	56	154
Hereditary Disposition ascertained	19	8	27

TABLE X.
PREVIOUS OCCUPATION OF PATIENTS
ADMITTED IN 1857.

	M.	F.	TOTAL
Mechanics and Artizans.	37	10	47
Wives of Ditto	0	16	16
Labourers	6	0	6
Land Surveyor	1	0	1
Portrait Painter	1	0	1
Engineers	2	0	2
Soldier	1	0	1
Accountant	1	0	1
Architect	1	0	1
Railway Guard	1	0	1
Wellsinker	1	0	1
Tailors	4	0	4
Shoe-makers	3	0	3
Domestic Servants	2	10	12
Clerks	5	0	5
Gardeners	3	0	3
Bricklayer	1	0	1
Farmer	1	0	1
Shopkeepers and Tradesmen	15	1	16
Carpenters	5	0	5
Dress-makers	0	7	7
Nurse	0	1	1
Laundresses	0	4	4
Charwomen	0	2	2
None	7	5	12
	98	56	154

TABLE XI.
NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED AND MODE
OF EMPLOYMENT.

MALES.	FEMALES.
On Grounds and Farm 28	Needlework 55
House Porters 2	Knitting 17
Messengers 2	Laundry 25
Ward & House Cleaning 29	Kitchen 7
Mill 4	Gallery Cleaning 20
Tailor 1	House Cleaning 3
Upholsterer 1	—
Carpenters 3	127
Whitewashing 1	
Stokers 3	
Baker 1	
Stores 1	
Kitchen 1	
Stone Breaking 4	
Road Making 1	

TABLE XII.

DISCHARGES ON RECOVERY, WITH DURATION
AND FORM OF INSANITY.

Sex.	Age.	Duration of Insanity.		Form of Malady.
		Before Admission.	After Admission.	
M.	46	Three months	1 year 197 days	Melancholia
"	16	Two weeks	187 days	Acute mania
"	47	Four months	134 "	Mania, partial
"	24	Five weeks	116 "	Acute mania
"	27	Two weeks	49 "	Ditto ditto
"	30	Four days	64 "	Ditto ditto
"	55	Two months	59 "	Ditto ditto
"	36	Three weeks	30 "	Mania a potu
"	42	Six months	190 "	Melancholia
"	51	Two months	61 "	Mania, partial
"	51	A few days	26 "	Mania a potu
"	33	Three days	20 "	Ditto ditto
"	38	Two months	89 "	Acute mania
"	54	Three days	74 "	Melancholia
"	47	One week	36 "	Ditto
"	51	Three weeks	64 "	Acute mania
"	38	Two months	35 "	Mania, partial
"	28	Ten months	40 "	Mania
"	21	A few days	34 "	Mania a potu
"	40	Three months	93 "	Mania
"	33	Three weeks	73 "	Mania a potu
"	31	Three days	25 "	Acute mania
"	51	A few days	121 "	Recurrent mania
"	32	Three days	355 "	Acute mania
"	42	A week	54 "	Ditto ditto
"	39	Three days	22 "	Ditto ditto
"	43	Some weeks	97 "	Acute melancholia
"	23	Three months	96 "	Melancholia
"	45	Three days	44 "	Recurrent mania
F.	42	Eight days	29 "	Puerperal mania
"	45	Some years	7 years 58 days	Moral insanity
"	19	Unknown	1 " 250 "	Mania
"	41	A fortnight	1 " 324 "	Ditto
"	46	Eight months	1 " 33 "	Ditto
"	20	A week	1 " 36 "	Puerperal mania
"	36	Some years	284 days	Acute dementia
"	20	Unknown	253 "	Mania
"	57	Twelve days	150 "	Melancholia
"	49	Ten days	109 "	Acute mania
"	25	Ten weeks	224 "	Melancholia
"	55	Two months	89 "	Ditto
"	19	Three days	50 "	Puerperal mania
"	40	Three months	84 "	Mania
"	34	A week	87 "	Melancholia
"	36	Two weeks	57 "	Ditto
"	28	Seven days	131 "	Mania
"	36	A month	183 "	Melancholia
"	19	Two years	204 "	Mania
"	50	Three weeks	89 "	Acute dementia
"	32	Five days	30 "	Acute mania
"	19	Unknown	62 "	Moral insanity
"	24	Seven weeks	112 "	Melancholia
"	27	Four months	71 "	Mania
"	20	Unknown	124 "	Ditto
"	19	A week	89 "	Acute mania
"	43	Six months	101 "	Melancholia
"	58	A week	3 years 242 days	Oinomania

TABLE XIII.—OBITUARY.

Sex.	Age.	Duration of Insanity.		Assigned Cause of Death.	State on Admission.
		Before Admission.	After Admission.		
M.	48	From childhood	6 years 213 days	Pulmonary emphysema	Epileptic mania, lungs emphysematous
"	44	Six weeks	3 years 163 days	General paralysis	Mania, health shaken
"	46	Fifteen months	1 year 241 days	Ditto	Dementia, paralysis
"	66	Nine months	69 hours	Bronchitis	Melancholia, moribund
"	31	Six months	68 days	Coma	Mania
"	21	Some years	6 years 213 days	Phthisis	Epileptic dementia
"	42	Six months	58 hours	General paralysis	Mania and general paralysis
"	47	Six months	108 days	Ditto	Mania, pupils asynchronous
"	64	Two weeks	174 days	Ditto	Mania and general paralysis
"	41	A year	91 days	Ditto	Dementia, paralysis
"	42	Two years	1 year 225 days	Ditto	Dementia and cerebral disease
"	39	Unknown	239 days	Ditto	Mania and general paralysis
"	44	Several weeks	32 days	Pleuro-pneumonia	Mania, consolidated lung
"	39	Eight weeks	2 years 236 days	Ditto	Melancholia
"	56	Five months	40 days	General paralysis	Mania and general paralysis
"	66	Two weeks	71 hours	Coma	Melancholia, much exhausted
"	46	A few weeks	19 days	Pleurisy and cerebral disease	Ditto
"	42	Ten months	2 years 166 days	General paralysis	Mania and general paralysis
"	34	A year	46 days	Ditto	Melancholia and general paralysis
"	35	Some weeks	58 days	Phthisis	Melancholia and phthisis
"	33	Eighteen months	95 days	Apoplexy	Mania and general paralysis
"	36	Eighteen months	1 year 70 days	General paralysis	Mania and general paralysis
"	73	Unknown	50 days	Gangrene and paralysis	Mania, bad health
"	65	Six months	113 days	General paralysis	Melancholia, bad health
"	43	Nineteen months	221 days	Ditto	Mania and general paralysis
"	41	Two months	192 days	Apoplexy	Dementia and general paralysis
"	72	Unknown	252 days	Gangrene of arm	Mania, phthisis
"	30	Two months	12 days	General paralysis	Mania, bad health
"	39	One year	6 years 15 days	Valvular disease of heart	Mania and general paralysis
"	52	Two weeks	15 weeks	General dropsy	Dementia and paralysis
"	47	Twelve years	6 years 323 days	Exhaustion	Mania, much reduced
"	34	Three weeks	3 years 188 days	General paralysis	Epileptic dementia
"	52	A year	2 years 124 days	Ditto	Dementia, general paralysis
"	40	Unknown	324 days	Coma	Dementia and paralysis
"	33	Six weeks	83 days	Pulmonary disease	Mania
"	26	Congenital	6 years 133 days	Exhaustion	Melancholia, consolidated lungs
"	79	Three years	7 years 93 days	Apoplexy	Epileptic imbecility
"	52	Two weeks	4 years 218 days	Phthisis and cerebral diseases	Melancholia
"	48	Some months	208 days	Ditto	Mania, partial
"	27	Unknown	182 days	Syncope	Melancholia, phthisis
					Epileptic mania

Average Age at Death—Males 46; Females, 44.

Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS OF THE BOROUGH OF BIRMINGHAM LUNATIC ASYLUM.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the gratification again to report favourably respecting the general results of my ministrations in the Asylum during the past year. The order of services and their nature have been similar to those observed in former years ; and they appear to have been highly appreciated by the patients, especially in their lucid intervals, or during the progress of their recovery. And there appears not to be the slightest doubt that many who are incurably insane are susceptible of religious instruction, and are considerably edified and consoled by the truths and promises of the Gospel.

In the last report which I had the honour of laying before you, I mentioned that the Medical Superintendent had caused the epileptic, and other patients not able to attend Divine Service in the Chapel, to be assembled together once a week, the men in one room and the women in another, for the purpose of religious instruction and devotion ; this practice has been continued, and though I cannot say that my endeavours have always appeared to be of advantage to this class of patients, yet, from remarks which I have occasionally heard, and the thanks which I have sometimes received from some of them, as well as having heard others join with me in the Lord's Prayer, or repeat after me familiar passages of Holy Writ, I cannot but hope and believe that some good has resulted, though not very manifest to human observation.

I have continued to receive all the kindness, attention, and assistance I could desire from the highest to the lowest officer in this Institution; and now that I am about to retire from the office of Chaplain in the Birmingham Lunatic Asylum, I beg very respectfully and sincerely to tender my thanks to the Committee of Visitors and to the Officers for the invariably kind consideration which I have received at their hands for upwards of six years.

I have the honour to be, &c.,

T. C. ONION, M.A.

Chaplain.

February 18, 1858.